

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
August 28, 2013

Members Present: Laura Smoller, Angela Hunter, Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, David Dearman, Nancy Landrum, Betty Wood, Kent Layton, Ibrahim Duyar, Guoliang Huang, Yupu Chan, Maureen James, Tara Dejohn, Shaun Thomas, Matt Gifford, Marc Seigar, Brian Berry, and Emily Davis.

Members Absent: Daniel Berleant and Lillie Wichinsky.

Others Present: Kathy Oliverio for Karen Wheeler, Paula Casey, Johanna Lewis, Dana Steele, Andrew Wright, and Amanda Nolen.

Meeting called to order at 3:00 by Amanda Nolen.

Council members introduced themselves.

Andrew Wright, Faculty Senate President spoke in regards to faculty senate. Andrew went over how Graduate Council works in relation to Faculty Senate. He states that the Graduate Council Chair reports to the Faculty Senate. The Graduate Council Chair submits to the faculty Senate proposals from the Graduate Council. Appeals can be done from Graduate Council to Faculty Senate and a report is sent to the Provost that is done with 24 hours. Then there is a 10 day review that will start based on signatures obtained.

Andrew also states that the Faculty Senate would like electronic reports so that they can be added easily into their agenda.

Last semester there was an issue with on item Graduate Council sent to the faculty senate. Graduate Council passed Graduate Faculty Status proposal. This item made it on the agenda but was never voted on. So, it is now in a limbo of sorts. The cleanest way to get the proposal back on the Faculty Senate agenda would be to vote on the proposal again and submit to the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate will meet for the first time this semester on September 20th and items for the agenda will be due the week before.

Chancellor's Leadership Retreat Report - Amanda Nolen attended Chancellor's Leadership Retreat. At the retreat attendees worked on models that the campus is now made aware of for review. All proposals are now in the hands of the Provost who will make recommendations to the Chancellor in October. The Provost is still open for comments or recommendations.

Minutes from April 24, 2013 were approved.

Old Business - none

New Business - Elections:

Elected Chair (2013-2014) - Marc Seigar

Elected Vice Chair (2013-2014) - Angela Hunter

Elected Chair - Curriculum Sub-committee - Karen Kuralt

Elected Chair - Personnel Sub-committed - Kent Layton

2013-2014 Meeting Dates confirmed: September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 6 and 20, and December 4.

Dean's Report - Paula Casey introduced herself as the Interim Graduate School Dean (until June 30th). What is happening at the Graduate School? Change needs to happen but there needs to be a new campus model. Don't know what will actually happen in the restructuring process.

Enrollment - Paula announced that Sheena Brooks, enrollment specialist for the Graduate School, will be leaving for UNT Law School in Dallas for recruitment on September 6th.

The Graduate School has a schedule of career fairs/programs that was given out at dean's council. If there is any program that is interested in going to recruitment events, please let Johanna Lewis know. Also, let the Graduate School know if you are going out. We have general information about graduate school that you can take with you in addition to the table cloth and stanchions.

Graduate School will be kicking off the external search for Sheen's replacement. Johanna Lewis, Dana Steele, and/or Emily Davis will be happy to visit with anyone that might have questions.

Associate Dean's Report - Paula Casey stated everything. Johanna Lewis wanted to let everyone know that we are open to any challenges on restructuring.

Restructuring - Marc Seigar

There is significant change recommended at the Graduate School level. This could cause the moving of Graduate Faculty Status to the college. How to admit students could be moved to undergraduate admissions office.

Marc strongly encouraged the council to read the proposal for restructuring. Was suggested that members try to read the document on Blackboard Communities before the next meeting where the council can talk over concerns. There might be time to have the Provost attend a council meeting before the end of September. Try to have a response to the current suggestions.

Sub-committee Assignments:

<i>Representing</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Sub Committee Assignment</i>
AHSS	Laura Smoller	<i>Personnel</i>
AHSS	Angela Hunter	<i>Vice Chair</i>
AHSS	Karen Kuralt	<i>Chair Curriculum</i>
COB	Roger Dorsey	<i>Personnel</i>
COB	David Dearman	<i>Personnel</i>
COB	Nancy Landrum	<i>Curriculum</i>
COE	Betty Wood	<i>Personnel</i>
COE	Kent Layton	<i>Chair Personnel</i>
COE	Ibrahim Duyar	<i>Curriculum</i>
EIT	Guoliang Huang	<i>Curriculum</i>
EIT	Daniel Berleant	<i>Personnel</i>
EIT	Yupo Chan	<i>Personnel</i>
Library	Maureen James	<i>Curriculum</i>
CPS	Tara DeJohn	<i>Personnel</i>
CPS	Shaun Thomas	<i>Personnel</i>
CPS	Lillie Wichinsky	<i>Curriculum</i>
COS	Matt Gifford	<i>Personnel</i>
COS	Marc Seigar	<i>Chair</i>
COS	Brian Berry	<i>Curriculum</i>
Graduate Student	Emily Davis	<i>Curriculum</i>
Interim Dean	Paula Casey	
Associate Dean	Johanna Lewis	
IT Specialist	Larry Beachler	
Graduate School	Dana Steele	

Special Thanks to Amanda Nolen for doing a great job for 2 years!

Meeting adjourned 4:01